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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and Supply Shipments by Rail

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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CB - Converted boxcar

B - Boxcar

F - Flatcar

G - Gondola Car

1. Military shipments observed by source or learned from informants between 25X1
7 and 23 January 1954 included:

Date in January	Number of Cars	From	To
7	1 B, 7 F, 33 G with 58 x 85-mm AT guns	Frankfurt/Oder	Rathenow; Arado Werke
17	10 B, 28 F	Neustrelitz	Altengrabow
	12 B, 28 F	"	"
18	13 B, 27 F	"	"
	12 B, 32 F	Neuruppin	Altengrabow
	11 B, 17 F with 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 12 trucks and 2 field kitchens	"	"
19	10 B, 23 F	Fuerstenberg	"
20	11 B, 33 F	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
	8 B, 32 F with 14 mortars, 33 trucks and 2 field kitchens	"	"

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20 15 B, 34 F with
16 mortars,
47 trucks and
5 field kitchens Altengrabow Rathenow Nord 6 25X1

21 12 B, 36 F " "
11 B, 33 F "
11 B, 42 F " "

23 10 B, 19 F " Neuruppin 2

2. Military shipments passing through Wittenberge between 16 and 21 January included: 25X1

<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Shipment Record Number</u>
16	2 F with 2 SP guns	Schwerin	Wuensdorf	
18	undetermined with 10 x 75-mm AT guns	Rathenow	Parchim	
	undetermined with 10 x 75-mm AT guns	Rathenow	Ludwigslust	
	undetermined with 10 x 75-mm AT guns	Rathenow	Ludwigslust	
21	8 CB, 3 B, 35 F	Altengrabow	Schwerin railroad district	
	10 CB, 3 B, 30 F	Altengrabow	Schwerin railroad district	
	8 CB, 2 B, 32 F	Altengrabow	Berlin railroad district 2	

3. On and after 17 January, almost every regular freight train contained 15 to 20 cars with ammunition going from Altengrabow to Schwerin and Sternbuchholz. 5

4. During the second half of January, an increased number of boxcars were converted for troop transportation at Wittenberge and dispatched to Schwerin and Ellerholz.

5. The following military shipments [redacted] between 14 and 19 January: 25X1

<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
14	14 B with ammunition	Altengrabow	Sternbuchholz	5
17	6 B with ammunition	Frankfurt/Oder	Altengrabow	
18	1 B, 10 F with 20 AT guns	Rathenow	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	1
	5 F with 10 AT guns	Rathenow	Haldensleben	1
19	18 F with ammunition	Altengrabow	Gerwisch	
	14 B with ammunition	Altengrabow	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	

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6. Troop trains listed in railroad records between 25 and 28 January included:

<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
25	13 CB, 2 B, 32 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Velten	6	25X1
	1 CB, 3 B, 3 F	Kummersdorf	Rossbau		25X1
26	4 CB, 7 B, 2 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Dessau		
28	2 CB, 3 F	Kummersdorf	Cottbus		

7. On 23 January, 6 flatcars with one M-3 armored personnel carrier each were observed at the head ramp of the Bernau freight station. Some of the cars were canvascovered. The vehicles probably were to be unloaded.

1. [] Comment. The composition of the shipments indicates an operation in connection with the reequipment of AT artillery units. Further information is required whether the 75-mm AT guns reported in paragraph 2 actually were of this caliber or 85-mm AT guns. 25X1

2. [] Comment. The shipments belonged to the 9th Gds Tank Div, components of which, on 17 January, moved from Neustrelitz to Altengrabow on the troop trains and, on 23 January 1954, returned to Neustrelitz on the troop trains. 25X1

[] The troop trains [] from Fuerstenberg to Altengrabow on 19 January, [] from Altengrabow to Fuerstenberg on 21 January, and [] from Altengrabow to Fuerstenberg (not to Neuruppin) on 23 January 1954, also belonged to this movement and probably carried elements of the 33rd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. 25X1

3. [] Comment. [] the troop trains [] referred to [] was to [] be corrected as these troop trains probably did not belong to the troop movement of the 9th Gds Tank Div but to the 12th Gds Tank Div. On 18 January 1954, components of this division moved from Neuruppin to Altengrabow and, on 22 January 1954, a contingent of the 12th Gds Tank Div returned to Neuruppin on the troop train [] 25X1

4. [] Comment. The troop trains carried the 6th Arty Div and 25th Gds RL Frig which returned to Rathenow from firing practice at Altengrabow. The pertinent operation consisted of a continuous movement of 11 troop trains 25X1

5. [] Comment. [] the ammunition was consigned to Soviet units. 25X1

6. [] Comment. The information confirms the troop train [] 25X1

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